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PRESS RELEASE

Colm F. Connolly, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, announced today that the Federal grand jury returned an indictment¹ against Florinda Curtis, age 41 of Townsend, Delaware, charging 12 counts of aiding a false tax return. The total tax loss charged in these counts, which involve the years 2000 and 2001, is \$50,413. The indictment further charges that Curtis “assisted in the preparation of the returns and knowingly fabricated deductions, inflated business expenses, misstated filing status, and/or failed to claim self-employment FICA taxes, resulting in artificially inflated tax refunds for the taxpayers.” Each of the 12 counts is punishable by a maximum penalty of three years incarceration and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service, Wilmington, Delaware. For further information, please contact Assistant United States Attorney Edmond Falgowski.

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¹ An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.